FOREWORD

An intimate glimpse of Western Kentucky State College is presented in these pages with a pictorial journey across College Heights. The true Western lies in the realm of human relationships, experiences and memories afforded only to those who live or have lived within the portals of this great college. From this story in pictures it is hoped that one may glean at least a touch of the spirit and beauty that have raised Western in its first half century of existence to a prominent position among the educational institutions of the nation. Promise for the future is even brighter as Western moves to greater heights as a place where youth may realize far-sighted ambitions.

Western Bids You Welcome

KELLY THOMPSON
President

The latch string at Western is out to aspiring youth. The welcome mat is in place for you who would broaden your horizon through learning. We solicit your attention and interest if you desire a college education within an atmosphere of friendliness and amidst the inspiration of high standards and ideals.

We hope that this pictorial presentation of the physical Western Kentucky State College may give you some estimate of what lies deeper within.

For a full exploration of the latter, we invite your personal inquiry or visit, and ultimately your presence as a Western student.

Sincerely,

Kelly Thompson
Science occupies a prominent role at Western.

The reading room in the college library is pleasant and quiet. The reference librarian is there to help.

Students at work in a biology laboratory.

Shadowless lighting aids to study efficiency in the reading rooms of Western's libraries.

New vistas in the world of science open to chemistry students.

Western students are provided with adequate laboratory facilities.

Classes are sufficiently small for each student to receive individual attention.
Field trips provide opportunities for recreation as well as study.

Faculty-guided experiments may lead to important new discoveries in the physics laboratory.

Western is a fully accredited college holding memberships in the Kentucky Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, the National Association of Schools of Music, the American Council on Education, and the American Chemical Society.

Members of a class in fine arts receive personalized instruction in cast drawing.

Blue ribbon champions in parade at the Agricultural Pavilion.

Western students are given the opportunity to study typing and shorthand at the Bowling Green College of Commerce at no extra cost to the student.

Application of skills in the Industrial Arts Department.

Western has one of the finest-equipped and best-maintained departments of industrial arts.
A visit to a Training School classroom finds young pupils intent on reading.

Western maintains, as an exceedingly important part of its teacher-training facilities, the Training School shown at the right.

Western's Department of Home Economics is housed in this building.

Home Economics classrooms are modern and well equipped.

Western offers a wealth of musical activity to the interested student. Concert and Marching Bands, the College Symphony Orchestra, the College Choir and a College Chorus provide experience in large ensemble performance. Numerous smaller groups allow the student to develop special skills in chamber music. Experience as a solo performer is gained through student recitals, chapel programs, and appearances outside the college. The Red and White dance orchestra is a popular campus organization.

The All-State chorus on stage in Van Meter Auditorium.

The band in rehearsal.

Last-minute preparation by the choir before going on stage for a concert.
Chapel assembly is a happy occasion for Homecomers each year.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES are many and varied at Western.
Two new buildings are in the process of being added to the growing physical plant since this aerial view of Western was taken. These new buildings are shown above. Western is continually planning for the future to provide the best possible facilities for the students who come to study on the Hilltop campus.

"College Heights on hill-top fair
With beauty all thine own,
Lovely jewel far more rare
Than graces any throne."
It's time for the prom.

Pressing rooms in the women's residence halls are busy places on the eve of a major social event.

At home in the residence halls for men.

Lasting friendships are a precious asset of life in a residence hall.

A CAMPUS BEAUTIFUL

College Heights is nationally recognized as one of the most beautiful college campuses in America. Situated on a hill overlooking the city of Bowling Green, the college commands a panoramic view in all directions. Its landscaping has been systematically designed over a period of more than fifty years. Flowers, shrubs, and native trees are interwoven among its stately whtestone and brick buildings to provide enduring beauty.

Cherry Hall, main classroom building, described by architects as one of the finest classrooms and laboratory buildings in the South.

Scene on the Kentucky Building grounds.

Home of Western's president.
Impressive 20-foot stone pylon which stands at the main entrance to the Western campus.

Main College Library. Other library facilities at Western include the Kentucky Library and the Training School Library.

Western maintains large modern residence halls for women and for men. Smaller home-type residence halls are also located on the campus. A limited amount of housing for married students is provided by the college.

Scene near the Colonnade looking north toward Cherry Hall.

South Hall, new residence hall for men. One of two new additions, it provides comfortable and pleasant living facilities at nominal cost.

McLean Hall for women.

West Hall for women.
Spacious entrance to the Paul L. Garrett Student Center, named for Western’s second president.

The Kentucky Building houses one of the best state collections to be found. This rare storehouse of Kentuckiana is a favorite research center for scholars from all over America.

The last work of Lorado Taft, world-famous sculptor, is a bronze statue of Dr. Henry Hardin Cherry which stands in front of the building named for the first Western president.

Lighting of the wreath on the tower atop Cherry Hall opens the Christmas season at Western.
Western maintains a complete inter-collegiate sports program and a comprehensive intramural program as a part of Physical Education.
Nine asphalt tennis courts are maintained as part of the Physical Education Department facilities at Western. The tennis team is ready for a match. Tennis is popular with both players and spectators at Western.

Western’s baseball team in action.

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The Western College Players present two major productions each year. Numerous other dramatic activities are open to students. Three stage auditoriums are available for Western dramatics.

The college cafeteria is located in the Paul L. Garrett Student Center.

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Two fine Bowling Green golf courses are available to the Western team.

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A track team pole vaulter skims the bar in a spectacular jump.

Game room in the Student Center.
Commencement

Commencement is a memorable day in the life of every graduate.

The colonnade crowning the Western Stadium where graduation exercises are held.

Graduates assemble for commencement as relatives and friends join them in the climax of their college careers.

Candidates for degrees prepare for the march into the Western Stadium.

The journey across College Heights is finished—Western graduates now.